

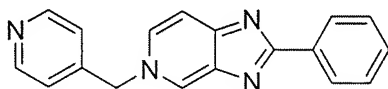
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on July 30, 2008, applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 23-30, 45, and 46, and Group G, where R<sup>1</sup> is aryl and R<sup>3</sup> is 6-membered heterocyclic, oxyheterocyclic, or thioheterocyclic ring. Applicants elect the species of 2-phenyl-5-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-5H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridine (entry 26 in Table 8) that has the structure



The elected species reads on claims 23-29, 45, and 46.

Applicants traverse the requirement on the ground that it is unclear whether the claims have been restricted between substituted and unsubstituted R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> groups. The

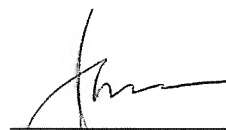
election is therefore made with the understanding that that the elected groups for R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> may be substituted or unsubstituted.

Applicants traverse the requirement on the ground that the Examiner's requirement is indefinite and does not encompass the claimed compounds and their uses.

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Respectfully submitted,

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